

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gerd Hofmann et al. Art Unit : 2833
Serial No. : 10/518,907 Examiner : Felix O. Figueroa
Filed : October 21, 2005 Conf. No. : 5392
Title : BRANCHING DEVICE FOR AN ELECTRIC LINE

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The undersigned representative thanks Specialist Reginald Tyson for the courtesy of the telephonic interview held on December 22, 2008.

In the discussion, applicants' representative noted that upon a routine check of PAIR, a Notice of non-compliant brief was found in the image file wrapper. Although the Notice listed a mailing date of July 9, 2008, the Notice does not appear to have actually been mailed. Specifically, the status of the application had not been changed from "Notice of Appeal filed," the transaction history does not include an entry of Mail Notice – Defect Appeal Brief, and such a Notice has not been received by the applicants or their representative.

Due to this issue, Specialist Tyson agreed to prepare a new Notice to be mailed shortly. Applicants' representative and Specialist Tyson agreed that applicant should respond to the forthcoming Notice, rather than the Notice currently appearing on PAIR. Accordingly, applicant will respond after receipt of the new Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 22, 2008

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